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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PRD2665 - PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	
	see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP2007/054238	International filing date (day/month/year) 02/05/2007	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 02/05/2006
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of:

- the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box No. II)

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box No III)

4. With regard to the **title**,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
 the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
BIOCIDAL COMBINATIONS COMPRISING IMAZALIL

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
 the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

- as suggested by the applicant
 as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure
 as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention
b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
INV. A01N43/50

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
A01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, CHEM ABS Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

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X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

Y document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

Date of mailing
(day/month/year) see form PCT/ISA/210 (second sheet)

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FOR FURTHER ACTION

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INV. A01N43/50

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into . which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 on paper
 in electronic form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 contained in the international application as filed.
 filed together with the international application in electronic form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

Box No. II Priority

1. The validity of the priority claim has not been considered because the International Searching Authority does not have in its possession a copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed or, where required, a translation of that earlier application. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1) is the claimed priority date.
2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	<u>4,6,11,17</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1-3,5,7-10,12-16</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	<u>1-17</u>

Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims 1-17

No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)**

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1. The application relates to a synergistic biocidal combination of imazalil and one component selected from tolylfluanid, dichiofluanid, OIT, DCOIT, terbutryn, chlorothalonil, hexamin and 1,2-benzisothiazolone.

Re Item V.

2. Reference is made to the following documents:

Unless otherwise indicated, reference is made to the passages indicated in the search report.

- D1: JP 2000 103709 A (PERMACHEM ASIA LTD) 11 April 2000 (2000-04-11)
- D2: WO 2006/021556 A (JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA NV [BE]; BYLEMANS DANY LEOPOLD JOZEFIEN [BE]; BO) 2 March 2006 (2006-03-02)
- D3: EP-A-1 563 731 (BAYER CROPSCIENCE SA [FR]) 17 August 2005 (2005-08-17)
- D4: WO 03/011030 A (BAYER CROPSCIENCE SA [FR]; GARNIER ALAIN JOSEPH JEAN FLOR [BE]; VERBRU) 13 February 2003 (2003-02-13) cited in the application
- D5: DE 198 34 629 A1 (NOVARTIS AG [CH]) 3 December 1998 (1998-12-03)
- D6: DATABASE CA [Online] CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, US; ELSMORE, RICHARD ET AL: "Bactericide combinations in detergents" XP002419019 retrieved from STN Database accession no. 2001:578597
- D7: WO 92/19286 A (UNIV TECHNOLOGIES INT [CA]) 12 November 1992 (1992-11-12)
- D8: EP-A2-0 741 971 (TROY CHEMICAL CORP [US] TROY TECHNOLOGY CORP INC [US]) 13 November 1996 (1996-11-13)

3. NOVELTY

Document D1 discloses the synergistic effect of a combination of imazalil and chlorothalonil as antifungal. The weight ratio of the two antifungal components is 90:10 to 60:40, therefore overlapping with the ranges indicated in present claims 8-10. Accordingly claims 1, 5, 8-10, 12, 14, 15 appear not to be new (Article 33(2) PCT).

Additionally, D1 discloses the same effect for a combination of imazalil and

N-tert-Butyl-N-cyclopropyl-6-methylsulfamyl-[1 ,3,5]triazine-2,4-diamine, which appears a bioisoster of terbutryn.

D2 discloses synergistic fungicidal compositions comprising imazalil and a biocidal compound selected from tolylfluanid, dichlofluanid, chlorothalonil, 1,2-benzisothiazole (BIT), DCOIT, and OIT. Accordingly, claims 1,2,3,5,7,13 appear not to be new (Article 33(2) PCT).

D4 discloses a fungicidal composition comprising imazalil and i.a. tolylfluanid or chlorothalonil for controlling fungi growth on plants. Consequently, claims 1,2,5,13,16 appear not to be new (Article 33(2) PCT).

Additionally, D3 and D5 disclose the compositions of present claim 1 as a result of a selection from two lists respectively as fungicides and as herbicides.

D6 discloses the compounds of present claim 1 as bactericides and suggests the use of combinations of these compounds as bactericides in detergent compositions.

4. INVENTIVE STEP

In as far as the claimed subject matter is new the following observations as to the requirement of inventive step apply:

D2 appears to be the closest prior art. The main difference with the present application is that D2 does not appear to disclose the combination imazalil-terbutryn and the combination imazalil-hexamine. Accordingly, the problem to be solved with respect to D2 can be regarded as providing alternative combinations comprising imazalil showing synergistic biocidal effect. D7 discloses the biocidal activity of hexamine in antimicrobial compositions and D8 disclose that terbutryn in combination with a fungicidal agent gives a surprising synergistic biocidal effect. Accordingly, from the teaching of D2, D7 and D8 the skilled man would be prompted to investigate the synergistic effect of terbutryn or hexamine in a combination with imazalil and therefore, the skilled man would arrive at the solution proposed in the application. Consequently, no inventive step can yet be acknowledged.

As the combinations of claim 1 appear to be obvious, no inventive step can be acknowledged also nor for claim 16 which disclose an established procedure for a method to produce such composition just involving the mixing of the two ingredients. The same applies also for a kit containing the two components for simultaneous or sequential use. Neither the process nor the kit appears to produce an unexpected effect.

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Possible steps after receipt of the international search report (ISR) and written opinion of the International Searching Authority (WO-ISA)

General information

For all international applications filed on or after 01/01/2004 the competent ISA will establish an ISR. It is accompanied by the WO-ISA. Unlike the former written opinion of the IPEA (Rule 66.2 PCT), the WO-ISA is not meant to be responded to, but to be taken into consideration for further procedural steps. This document explains about the possibilities.

Amending claims under Art. 19 PCT

Within 2 months after the date of mailing of the ISR and the WO-ISA the applicant may file amended claims under Art. 19 PCT directly with the International Bureau of WIPO. The PCT reform of 2004 did not change this procedure. For further information please see Rule 46 PCT as well as form PCT/ISA/220 and the corresponding Notes to form PCT/ISA/220.

Filing a demand for international preliminary examination

In principle, the WO-ISA will be considered as the written opinion of the IPEA. This should, in many cases, make it unnecessary to file a demand for international preliminary examination. If the applicant nevertheless wishes to file a demand this must be done before expiry of 3 months after the date of mailing of the ISR/ WO-ISA or 22 months after priority date, whichever expires later (Rule 54bis PCT). Amendments under Art. 34 PCT can be filed with the IPEA as before, normally at the same time as filing the demand (Rule 66.1 (b) PCT).

If a demand for international preliminary examination is filed and no comments/amendments have been received the WO-ISA will be transformed by the IPEA into an IPRP (International Preliminary Report on Patentability) which would merely reflect the content of the WO-ISA. The demand can still be withdrawn (Art. 37 PCT).

Filing informal comments

After receipt of the ISR/WO-ISA the applicant may file informal comments on the WO-ISA directly with the International Bureau of WIPO. These will be communicated to the designated Offices together with the IPRP (International Preliminary Report on Patentability) at 30 months from the priority date. Please also refer to the next box.

End of the international phase

At the end of the international phase the International Bureau of WIPO will transform the WO-ISA or, if a demand was filed, the written opinion of the IPEA into the IPRP, which will then be transmitted together with possible informal comments to the designated Offices. The IPRP replaces the former IPER (international preliminary examination report).

Relevant PCT Rules and more information

Rule 43 PCT, Rule 43bis PCT, Rule 44 PCT, Rule 44bis PCT, PCT Newsletter 12/2003, OJ 11/2003, OJ 12/2003



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TITLE : INDUSTRIAL MILDEWPROOFING AGENT

ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain an industrial mildewproofing agent capable of preventing an industrial raw material and the product from putrefying or being polluted due to microorganisms, esp. mold (or mildew), and preventing their degradation and quality deterioration.

SOLUTION: This industrial mildewproofing agent includes a mixture of (A) at least one kind selected from the group consisting of 2-(4-thiazolyl)- benzimidazole, 2-benzimidazolecarbamic acid, Zn-2-pyridinethiol-1-oxide, Na-2- pyridinethiol-1-oxide, tetrachloroisophthalonitrile and 2,3,5,6- tetrachloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)-pyridine and (B) 1-(β)-alloyloxy-2,4- dichlorophenethyl)-imidazole, as an active principle.

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